



Here we come a-wassailing

Among the leaves so green,
Here we come a-wand'ring
So fair to be seen.

(Chorus)

Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail, too,
And God bless you, and send you
A Happy New Year,
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We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door,
But we are neighbors' children
Whom you have seen before (Chorus)

Bring us out a table
And spread it with a cloth;
Bring us out a cheese,
And of your Christmas loaf. (Chorus)

God bless the master of this house,
Likewise the mistress too;
And all the little children
That round the table go. (Chorus)



Jolly Old Saint Nicholas lean your ear this way
Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say
Christmas Eve is coming soon now you dear old man
Whisper what you'll bring to me, tell me if you can

When the clock is striking twelve, when I'm fast asleep
Down the chimney broad and black
with your pack you'll creep
All the stockings you will find hanging in a row
Mine will be the shortest one you'll be sure to know

Johnny wants a pair of skates Susie wants a dolly
Nelly wants a storybook, she thinks dolls are folly
As for me my little brain isn't very bright
Choose for me old Santa Claus what you think is right



O Tannenbaum

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
How lovely are thy branches (Repeat)
Your boughs so green in summertime
Stay bravely green in wintertime
O Christmas Tree , O Christmas tree
How lovely are thy branches

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
Such pleasure do you bring me! (Repeat)
For every year this Christmas Tree
brings us such joy and Glee
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
Such pleasure do you bring me!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
You'll ever be unchanging
A Symbol of goodwill and love
You'll ever be unchanging
Each Shining Light Each silver bell
no one alive spreads cheer so well
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
You'll ever be unchanging

**We wish you a merry
Christmas, (3x)
And a happy New Year.**

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
We wish you a merry
Christmas
And a happy New Year!



It's a season for music (x3)
and a time of good Cheer. (Refrain)

Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, (3x)
And bring it right here. (Refrain)

Bring us some tea and breakfast (3x)
And bring it right here (Refrain)

We won't go till we get some, (3x)
So bring it right here. (Refrain)

The Many Faces of Santa and His Helpers



St. Nicholas — Nicholas of Myra was a Christian Bishop in Lyria (now Turkey) known for his kindness, his care for those in need, his love of children and of giving anonymous gifts. Beloved by all branches of Christianity – he became the model for all of Santa's helpers.

Father Christmas (British) is a Folklore Personification of Christmas concerned with adult feasting and merry-making . A symbol of the good ole days, of Wassailing, he was crowned with Holly and road a Goat. Later Victorian Christmases became child centered festivals and Father Christmas became the bringer of gifts to Children under the Christmas Tree.

Pier Noel (French) Similar to Father Christmas, on Christmas children left their shoes by the fireplace filled with carrots and treats for Père Noël's donkey, Gui ("Mistletoe") before they go to bed. Hooded Père Noël takes the offerings and, if the child has been good, leaves presents in their place. Presents were traditionally small enough to fit in the shoes; candy, money or small toys Many carols came from the French.

SinterKlaas (Netherlands) Arrives from Spain by Steamboat and delivers gifts in Stockings and shoes on December 6th, St. Nicholas' Day. He Rides a White Horse and is accompanied by Krampus. The New York Dutch Knickerbockers brought this tradition to America, where he was first called first called Santa Claus in 1810.

Kris Kringle (Kristkindl) is a name the Lutherans in Germany for the Christ Child, who would bring gifts on Christmas. Christmas Trees popular in German and Baltic Markets arrived in England in 1830's and in America in 1850's.

Grandfather Frost (Ded Moroz) as a Russian "Santa." Clad in Blue embroidered robes he brings gifts given on the Russian New Years (January 7th). He is accompanied by the beautiful Snegurochka, the Snow Maiden and drives a Sleigh pulled by Three Horses (Troika)

Scandinavia contributed to Christmas: the Nisse-Tomte (elves), Yule wreaths, Yule Logs, the Yule Goat and Yule Boar., "Yul" is the root of "Jolly"

The modern-day Santa Claus drawn from the above, and was introduced by Clement Clark Moore in his poem "A Visit From St. Nickolas" in 1823. His appearance was enhanced by Thomas Nast's illustrations in Harper's Weekly in the 1860's and Sundblom's Coke ads in the 1930's. His sleigh, reindeer, home at the North Pole, and elves were also introduced in America in the later 1800's. The writings of Charles Dickens and Washington Irving had much to do with modern celebration.

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The Many Themes of the Holiday Season

Religious Celebrations – The Birth of Jesus, Hanukkah, Solstice, etc.

Entertainments from Mummers and Caroling to Christmas Specials

Feasting, Festivals and Parties

Decorations and Nostalgia

Concern for the Poor and Charitable works

A time for Families to get together and to give gifts to Children

Commercial Sales From Christmas Markets to Malls to Online Shopping



First Fridays Story Swaps 7-9 PM

Share or listen 5-8 Minute Stories

January 4 - Haller Lake Methodist Church

13055 1st Ave N. Seattle pattipaz.z@gmail.com

& Briarcrest Neighborhood Evening of Storytelling

16010 25th Ave NE Shoreline – affidurr15@gmail.com

February 2 - Haller Lake Methodist Church (above)

Haller Lake Storytelling - 3rd Fridays

at the Haller Lake Community Club, 7:30-9:30 PM

12579 Densmore Ave N. Seattle, WA

Free admission. Donations welcome!

Door Prizes. Refreshments served.

Open Mike Stories should be 8 minutes long,

Tasteful, and Told Not Read

A Bit of the Unusual!

Friday, January 18th 7:30 to 9:30 PM

An Open Mike Variety Show

of Stories told with just a "bit more Pzazz"!

An Interesting Costume? Magic or Props?

Use Puppets? Odd musical Instruments?

Is it a Twisted Tale? Or told by Two in Tandem?

Perhaps you're the one to surprise Us All!

You may sign up ahead of time!

Let Barry know at eldrbarry@gmail.com

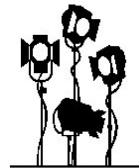
what you intend to tell, and how!)



IMPROV Storytelling

Hosted by Lance Lambert

Friday, February 15th 7:30 to 9:30 PM



A few brave souls will attempt to tell actual stories, with prompts from the Audience, each other, and their own Imaginations.

Some may have participated in a preceding workshop, but any "volunteers" will be welcome. A fun evening of wholesome Improvisational style story games! And plenty of laughter too!!

IMPROV Storytelling Workshop with Lance Lambert

Saturday, February 9th 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Haller Lake Methodist Church (upstairs), 13055 First Ave, NE,
\$20 Members/ \$25 Non Members

AuntMama's StoryTable

Last Thursdays – Madison Ave Starbucks 6:45-8 PM

4000 E. Madison Ave, Seattle

Music and Stories – Sung, Told or Read. auntmama@gmail.com

Go to seattlestorytellers.org for more Information